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THE SUBSTRATE

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

RESPONSE TO ELECTION/RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Dear Sir:

In reply to the September 8, 2004, Restriction Requirement, Applicants provisionally elect Group II, Claims 9-14 and 30-34, "drawn to a semiconductor device, classified in class 257, subclass 40," with traverse. Restriction Requirement, p. 2, ¶ 1. By quoting the Examiner's description, Applicants do not intend to any way limit or otherwise change the scope of the claims.

It is respectfully submitted that the subject matter of all claims is sufficiently related that a thorough search for the subject matter of any one Group of claims would encompass a search for the subject matter of the remaining claims. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that the search and examination of the entire application could be made without serious burden. See MPEP § 803 in which it is stated that "if the search and examination of an entire application can be made without serious burden, the examiner must examine it on the merits, even though it includes

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claims to independent or distinct inventions." It is respectfully submitted that this policy should

apply in the present application in order to avoid unnecessary delay and expense to Applicants

and duplicative examination by the Patent Office.

Thus, withdrawal of the Restriction Requirement is respectfully requested.

It is not believed that any further extensions of time or fees are required. If extensions of

time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are

hereby petitioned for under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and are hereby authorized to be charged to our

Deposit Account No. 23-1951.

It is believed that all claims are presently in condition for allowance, and accordingly

prompt examination of the claims on their merit is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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